




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: February 6, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of an easement for access and drainage purposes to the City of Calabasas on north slope of the Baldwin open space a part of Tract No. 35596, Calabasas.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing transfer of an easement for access and drainage purposes to the City of Calabasas on north slope of the Baldwin open space a part of Tract No. 35596, Calabasas.

Background: In 1991 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorized entering into a Wildlife Corridor Agreement with Village Properties for numerous issues related to Tract No. 35596. One of the provisions in the agreement is that the MRCA agree to grant the developer necessary easements for drainage purposes on the 624-acre open space lot now owned and managed by the MRCA. The subject request for an easement is over a long, cement stair case (over 400 feet long) and a cement energy dissipater. The improvements have been in for over six years. The current landowner New Millennium Homes has been requesting the easement for a long time to button up its business on the tract with the City of Calabasas. The environmental clearance for the physical improvement was done in 1990.

A draft easement deed, legal description and plot map are attached. Pictures of the staircase and dissipater are also attached.

New Millennium Homes has agreed to put in a hose bib near the energy dissipater to aid staff in restoring and stabilizing the tributary that courses north towards the 101 Freeway.